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1. On 25 August 1953, soldiers wearing red patches were in the north section of the Oberter Kaserne in Cheb (N 51/P 37), which had the designation of "9 May Barracks". About 40 Skoda 151 trucks parking under the trees in the barracks yard were seen from the western entrance on tr. Krale Jiriho.

The sentry at the entrance on the east side of the installation wore a fatigue uniform without patches and had two black stripes on his epaulets.

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2. During a ceremony held in commemoration of the Slovak upheaval in August 1944 at the castle in Cheb on 25 August 1953, all 25-year-old men were scheduled to be discharged from active military service by late September 1953. 2

3. well-camouflaged 88-mm AA batteries were ready for action around Plzen. the crews were exchanged monthly. The mission of the batteries was to commence firing at all aircraft of unidentified nationality.

labor crews to improve the emplacements were organized from their unit on Sundays. Once during the 14-day exercise, a Soviet colonel inspected the unit for readiness. The unit, which was trained after the Soviet pattern, had modern equipment. The discipline of the unit was tough and the meals during the exercise were good. the state of training was excellent. 3

4. a PS unit with dogs in a cantonment of two low wooden buildings and one small low brick building in the southern sector of Cheb. The billets were directly east of the former convent which also quartered PS soldiers and included numerous dog-kennels and dog-training installations. Eight canvas-covered trucks were between the two large low buildings. 4

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- 25X1A 1. ☐ Comment. This barracks installation quarters elements of the 9th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 12th Mtz Rifle Div Karlovy Vary. It is believed that the majority of the units was absent from the post at the time of observation.
- 25X1A 2. ☐ Comment. The majority of the members of the 1928 class was discharged in the fall of 1952.
- 25X1A 3. ☐ Comment. The 155th AAA Regt is carried in Plzen. The organization of the permanent air defense corresponds to that observed in the Praha area.
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- 25X1A 4. ☐ Comment. ☐ a unit of the 5th PS Brig, whose headquarters is quartered in the convent mentioned.

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